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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (previously amended) An illuminated surgical retractor comprising:
a handle member having a first handle member end portion and a second handle member end portion;

a first elongate section having a first elongate proximal end portion, a first elongate distal end portion, and a first elongate inner surface extending from the first elongate proximal end portion to near the first elongate distal end portion and having a substantially non-linear shape in the longitudinal direction, the second handle member end portion of said handle member pivotally connected to the first elongate distal end portion of said first elongate section such that said handle member forms an adjustable acute angle with said first elongate section;

a second elongate section having a second elongate proximal end portion, a second elongate distal end portion, and a second elongate outer surface extending from the second elongate proximal end portion to near the second elongate distal end portion, and a second elongate inner surface extending from the second elongate proximal end portion to near the second elongate distal end portion, said second elongate section connected to said first elongate section such that said first and second elongate sections are substantially parallel; and

said second handle member end portion having a pivotal connector associated therewith and said pivotal connector pivotally couples the first elongate section and the handle member and said second handle member end portion is adapted to optically couple the second elongate section to a source of illumination so that said second elongate section is substantially illuminated.

2. (original) The illuminated surgical retractor of claim 1, wherein the shape of the first elongate inner surface is selected from the group consisting of curved and bent.

3. (original) The illuminated surgical retractor of claim 2, wherein the shape of the first elongate inner surface is bent, and wherein the second elongate outer surface has a

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